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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, amendments by Senator Bromm to LB 968; Senator Kiel, to LB 1405; Senator Bohlke, to LB 1405. New A bills. (Read LB 825A and LB 1167A by title for the first time.) That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 1162-1163.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Pursuant to the agenda, we will move on to the eleven o'clock motion. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Brashear and Hilgert would move that LB 1405 be placed on General File pursuant to Rule 3, Section 19(b).

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Brashear, you're recognized to open on your motion to place LB 1405 on General File.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, life and our service here is sometimes ironic. A year ago about this time there were the convergence of two ideas, two issues, and I stood before you and talked about them. One of those issues was the death penalty, which deeply divided us, the other issue was justice, upon which we could all agree, and then I was considered a force for good, but things change. Today we have the convergence of two issues, I respectfully suggest, one of which may deeply divide us, and there are subparts to our feelings in this issue, but that's the pro-life, pro-choice issue. But I respectfully suggest there's another issue and that's our beloved university, its governance, how it goes about involving we the people in its processes and whether or not we the people are being fairly and correctly treated. I sometimes think of our university as a dysfunctional adult child, it is 130 years old, still living at home, at least by my definition, \$387 million a year is still getting quite an allowance, with learned behaviors that are disabling to it and inappropriate in its relationship to the people. I knew, from the time that the World-Herald revealed that there was fetal tissue research being